

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF NextGen 1.7.1.1
Eastern Division**

SoClean, Inc.

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 1:23-cv-02701
Honorable Martha M. Pacold

Does 1–292, As Identified in Exhibit 2

Defendant.

NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Tuesday, May 2, 2023:

MINUTE entry before the Honorable Martha M. Pacold: For the reasons set forth in plaintiff's motions ([6], [7], [8]), the supporting memorandum [9] and the temporary restraining order, plaintiff's motions for leave to file under seal [6], for leave to file excess pages [7]) and for a temporary restraining order, including a temporary injunction, a temporary asset restraint, expedited discovery, and electronic service of process [8] are granted. Plaintiff's filings support proceeding (for the time being) on an ex parte basis. Specifically, were defendants to be informed of this proceeding before a TRO could issue, it is likely assets and websites would be redirected, thus defeating plaintiff's interests in identifying defendants, stopping defendants' infringing conduct, and obtaining an accounting. In addition, the evidence submitted by plaintiff shows a substantial likelihood of success on the merits (including evidence of active infringement and sales into Illinois), the harm to plaintiff is irreparable, and an injunction is in the public interest. Electronic service of process does not violate any treaty and is consistent with due process because it effectively communicates the pendency of this action to defendants. As other judges in this district have noted, there may be reason to question both the propriety of the joinder of all defendants in this one action and whether plaintiff genuinely intends to pursue an accounting, but at this preliminary stage, plaintiff has provided sufficient evidence of coordinated activity and the prospect of an accounting to justify the requested relief as to all defendants. Expedited discovery is warranted to identify defendants and to implement the asset freeze. If any defendant appears and objects, the court will revisit the asset freeze and joinder. Plaintiff shall deposit with the Clerk of Court ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), either cash or surety bond, as security. (rao,)

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